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TALKING POINTS FOR CONGRESS ON NEW UNSCR FOR RWANDA

- o We have today, June 7, presented to the Security Council a draft new resolution on Rwanda.
- o We have been working with the UN over the past three weeks to develop a concept of operations for the expanded UNAMIR operation approved in UNSCR 918 of May 17.
 - That resolution authorized an expansion of the UNAMIR force level, in two phases, from the current level of 450 to 5,500 troops.
 - The first phase approved bringing the infantry battalion now in Kigali up to full strength of about 850; we have agreed to lease 50 APC's to the UN for use by these additional 450-500 troops being offered by Ghana (Note: on June 6, we signed a Section 607 agreement with the UN based on the UNPROFOR agreement to provide this assistance on a reimbursable basis).
 - In addition, about 150 military observers previously evacuated from Kigali are standing by in Nairobi ready to be returned.
- o The resolution we are proposing for the second phase would confirm the expansion of UNAMIR to 5,500 troops as soon as possible.
 - The resolution proposes a military operation based on the Secretary-General's recommendation for deployment of the first and second phases in close synchronization.
 - It would be based in Kigali, with most equipment and humanitarian assistance transitting neighboring countries (most likely Burundi and/or Uganda).
- o Under this proposal, UNAMIR forces would move out from Kigali to provide protection for major concentrations of threatened Rwandan civilians and help ensure delivery of humanitarian relief to them.
 - The vast majority of civilians now at greatest risk are in government-held territory in southern Rwanda.

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-- Both RPF and Government leaders have assured us they would not impede UNAMIR movements to provide this humanitarian protection.

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- o We believe the decision factors enunciated in PDD-25 support going ahead with this mission.
 - There is a clear humanitarian disaster.
 - The forces will have a clear mandate.
 - Troop commitments have been obtained from five African countries (i.e., Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal, and Zimbabwe) thus far; other countries have also expressed interest in contributing troops, although their offers are not yet firm.
 - Both of the fighting parties have assured the UN they would support a humanitarian UN mission.
- o We are proposing a mandate for six months, with the proviso that the SYG will submit a report by August 8 for Security Council review of the progress of UNAMIR's military mission, progress toward a ceasefire and political reconciliation, the safety of those populations at risk, the humanitarian situation, and cost containment measures.
- o The UN estimates that the cost of this mission for six months will be about \$115 million.

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